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garland@ohstpy.mps.ohio-state.edu (JIM GARLAND) writes:

>Does anyone know whether any hand-held transceivers come with NiMH batteries,
>instead of NiCads? Also, do any aftermarket battery manufacturers make NiMH

First, let me answer the actual question since I have yet to see any
reply on this one. Yes, there are HTs which come with NiMH batteries.
The ones I have read brochures on are the Motorola Visor series HTs, they
are small like the size of the new tiny ham HTs but NiMH is standard issue.
They are available in high band VHF, UHF or 800MHz trunk.

>batteries. My understanding is that the power capacity is greater in NiMH
>batteries and that they don't have a "memory" effect -- both of which seem

True but read others' comment about the down side too. NiCds memory effect
is not as bad as it seems although it can happen at a very minor level.

>highly desirable traits for a handheld. Thanks

I'd want them for the higher capacity per weight/size and I am not too worrying about self-depletion since I mostly can charge them every night. The not so desirable side is higher price and that's why it is not in the ham market as standard issue first. Third party should make them but I've not seen them. Chargers (rapid) have to be different than for NiCds.

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